

The Mission of Christ the King

To Shine the light of Jesus, Reflect his unconditional love, and Mirror his kindness to all people.



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SPEND "TIME WITH GOD" ON ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is March 2nd this year. CtK's **Time with God Worship Experience** at 6:00 PM on that day will include the imposition of ashes. As with other worship services at CtK, it will also be livestreamed on the CtK Twinsburg channel of YouTube.



JOIN US FOR "TIME WITH GOD"

Time with God is on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 8:00 PM! Come for one or all of the following opportunities to gather in God's Loving presence:



6:00-6:30 Worship Experience in the sanctuary & livestreamed - *A time for you to rest in God's Loving presence, in a safe, supportive, peaceful, Loving, and Sacred Space!*

6:30-7:00 Meal Experience in the fellowship hall - *A time to break bread together! Bring your own dinner, and enjoy company and conversation with one another!*

7:00-8:00 EH Group Experience in room 105 - *A time of learning together and from one another! Get your brightly colored group card from the glass table in the narthex, and come and share your wisdom & your experience of the holy! Or simply come and be present and listen!*

This schedule will continue through Lent.



SIGN UP FOR EASTER FLOWERS!

CtK offers the chance to order flowering plants to be displayed in the chancel on Easter Sunday, April 17th. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for Easter lilies, blue hyacinths, pink hyacinths, white hyacinths, daffodils, red tulips, blue-violet tulips, pink tulips, and white tulips. The cost per plant is \$6.00 and may be paid through your giving envelope, designating *Easter Flower*. You may take your flower home after Easter morning worship, or you may leave it at CtK for our gardener, Lisa Doty, to plant in CtK's gardens.

Please sign up by Wednesday, March 23rd, and remember to include your name, the type, color, and number of plants you would like, if you will take it home, and if the plants are in memory of or in honor of anyone. These dedications will be printed in the Easter worship bulletins. You may also call or email the office with your flower order.

Many thanks to Donna Lange, who has offered to pick up and arrange the flowers in the sanctuary for Easter! Unclaimed plants will be planted in CtK's gardens after May 1st. If you'd like someone else to receive your flower, please make arrangements for its delivery.



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AT CTK MARCH 13TH

On Sunday, March 13th, please join us for 10:00 AM worship when our guest speaker will be the Reverend Julianne Smith, who serves as the Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Vitality for the Northeastern Ohio Synod (NEOS). There will be a reception in the narthex following worship to allow extra time to talk to Rev. Smith, so watch for details in the *Weekend Messenger*.



SPRING ENDOWMENT GRANT REQUESTS DUE SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH



It's time for the Lester Endowment Fund to award its semi-annual grants. Areas for which funds are granted include Seeding, Evangelism, Matching, Outreach, and Emergency.

Grant Request Forms are in the Endowment Committee mailbox or on the Resources page of ctktwinsburg.com. Completed forms are due in the Endowment Committee mailbox no later than Sunday, March 27th.

Please contact a member of Endowment with questions: Katie Bach, Lisa Doty, Rich Ciarniello, Denise Hall, and Jay Hartland. Remember to fill in the two-sided Endowment Grant Request form completely!

MORE BLOOD DRIVES SET FOR 2022

The Red Cross has added several blood drives to the CtK calendar. CtK's Red Cross liaison has expressed sincere gratitude for being able to hold more blood drives at CtK since the pandemic began. Pre-pandemic, CtK typically hosted a blood drive every eight weeks, which added up to six blood drives per year. In the twenty months since July 2020, CtK has hosted one or two monthly blood drives and has hosted a total of 29 blood drives. Many companies that had hosted drives for their employees pre-pandemic have not resumed the practice, making CtK's willingness to host blood drives all the more important. According to the liaison, donors are comfortable donating blood at CtK and come back repeatedly.



Here are CtK's blood drives for the next six months:

- Tuesday, March 1 - 10 AM - 4 PM
- Tuesday, April 12 - 10 AM - 4 PM
- Tuesday, April 26 - 12 PM - 6 PM
- Tuesday, May 3 - 10 AM - 4 PM
- Tuesday, May 17 - 12 PM - 6 PM
- Tuesday, June 21 - 12 PM - 6 PM
- Tuesday, July 19 - 10 AM - 4 PM
- Tuesday, July 26 - 12 PM - 6 PM
- Tuesday, August 2 - 10 AM - 4 PM

At the February 1st blood drive, 37 donors came in, including eight first-time donors, and 34 pints were collected & sent to Cleveland Clinic, UH Cleveland Medical Center, St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center, Hillcrest Hospital, & UH Ahuja Medical Center! That blood can help up to 100 people. If you are a blood donor, please go to redcrossblood.org to set up a donation appointment.

If you can register blood donors for an hour or two at any of these blood drives, please contact Wendy in the office.

Some Sunday evenings...

...a Twinsburg-area church serves a free Community Meal from 4 to 5:30 PM. (Meals are carry-out only unless noted below.)



Location Schedule

2nd Sunday - Faith United Methodist Church, 2560 Post Road, Twinsburg - limited indoor seating is available; **their clothing closet is also open.**

4th Sunday - First Congregational Church, UCC, 9050 Church Street, Twinsburg

5th Sunday - Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10285 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg Carry-out meals will be offered at CtK again on May 29th, 2022.

All are welcome for a free meal!

CTK SHOVELERS NEEDED

CtK has a contractor to plow the driveway and parking lot but not to clear sidewalks. This winter Mike & Jean Coss have come from Ravenna to clear the sidewalks and access to the paper recycling bin and St. Pauly shed after nearly every snowfall!

Here's a message from Bob Coleman: A big Thanks to Mike & Jean Coss, and Tom Pituch, and anybody else who made sure that Christ the King Church sidewalks and adjacent areas were clear for access to the church!

Going forward, if anybody would be willing to help keep the walks clear for the rest of the winter, please reach out to me and let me know. We can do this with teams, by yourself, if you want to clear the walks for certain church events, or some other pattern or schedule. Please let me know and we will put it together. Thank you, Bob Coleman 216-548-0688.

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CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TWICE IN MARCH

Seventh & eighth graders in Ctk's confirmation program will have two classes in March: Sunday, March 6th, and Sunday, March 20th. Pastor Jeff will lead both classes from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in room 105, though they may wrap up a little early. The March 6th topic is "Culture / Listening to Our Mind & Body", and the March 20th topic is "Church / Listening to Our Heart & Soul". Contact Pastor Jeff with questions.



ANY COLLEGE GRADUATES THIS SPRING?



As another school year progresses, it's time to check in with Ctk members & friends to see if anyone will complete any type of degree or certification program this spring. Please let Wendy in the office know so she can include the information in a future monthly *Messenger!*

KINGDOM OF GOD CONTINUES AS TUESDAY DISCUSSION

The Women's Bible study meets weekly at 10:00 AM on Tuesdays. Gatherings are in Room 105 unless there is a blood drive, when the group meets in the Fellowship Hall. In March, the group is continuing a four-part study, *The Kingdom of God*, by Mark Allen Powell, printed in the March/April issue of *Gather* magazine. March's topic is *Eternal Life in the Gospel of John*, Study materials are provided.



In February the women learned about some of Jesus' parables that explain and describe the Kingdom of God/Heaven. They discussed the first-century cultural significance of the phrase "tax collectors and sinners" and what Jesus meant by saying that children are the greatest in the Kingdom of God.

The women collect a weekly offering that they give to organizations such as ELCA Good Gifts. All women are welcome to join the group weekly or when their schedules permit. Talk to group facilitator Wendy Gibbons for details.



SPRING AHEAD MARCH 13TH!

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 AM Sunday, March 13th, when Daylight Saving Time begins, or before you go to bed March 12th. You don't miss 10 AM Sunday worship that day - Rev. Julianne Smith, Assistant to

the Bishop for Congregational Vitality of the Northeastern Ohio Synod will be our guest speaker. A reception will follow the service.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS ARE FOR ALL AGES

The forty days leading up to Easter Sunday are known as the season of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, this year. Lenten devotional material for kids, teens, young adults, adults, & families are on the rack by the mailbox hallway. Choose a devotional that best suits your needs for this contemplative season.



A new Lenten devotional is *Sacred Space for Lent 2022* that includes daily devotional practices beginning the first Sunday of Lent, March 6th, and continuing through Holy Saturday, April 16th.

If you prefer, there is a free daily *Sacred Space for 2022* app available through the Play Store or the Apple App Store, or you can access the material digitally through the website sacredspace.ie. The app & website have daily entries year-round that are based on scripture from the Common Lectionary.

ST. PAULY USED CLOTHING SHED DONATIONS

In January, Ctk received \$116 for items placed in the St. Pauly used clothing shed. Since the shed was installed in 2014, Ctk has received \$10,200 for donations to it. Heartfelt thanks to Karen Reid for keeping the bags of clothing in the shed tidied up so that the door on the little donation opening is not blocked.



MARCH 10:00 AM WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- March 6 - Kristin Wedemeyer Goss - or March 13!
- March 13 - To be assigned
- March 20 - Linda Bendler
- March 27 - Karen Reid

Thanks to our faithful worship assistants! If you'd like to help lead worship at 10:00 AM on Sundays, please contact Wendy in the office.

SPRING BEGINS MARCH 20TH!



FROM THE TRANSITIONAL PASTOR

MARCH 2022

U R invited 2 Come HOME

A few weeks ago, I was driving through the trees - Sand Run Metro Park on the way home from taking my daughter to school, and Virginia Kendall in Cuyahoga Valley National Park on my way to CtK.

I often feel strong healing and supportive energy from the trees.

I often sense the trees encouraging me, sort of like supporters lining the streets do for marathon runners.

And sometimes, sometimes I hear the trees speaking words of Love directly to my heart!

On this particular day I received a two word message:

come home

Like a quiet whisper between Lovers in the still darkness of night:

come home

Like a gentle encouraging from the lap of a comforting grandmother:

come home

And so, I share this invitation with you.

Come home.

Come home to God's Loving presence...

in this moment, in this breath, in this body, in this time and place

Come home to God's Loving presence...

in the natural world, the trees, the birds, the plants, the animals, Mother Earth herself

Come home to God's Loving presence...

in the heavens, the stars, the moon, the sun, the winds, the entire cosmos

Come home to God's Loving presence...

in between us, in every relationship, in every connection

Come home to God's Loving presence...

IN ALL THINGS!!!

This is our invitation every day, every moment, every breath!

And this is our invitation during the upcoming season of Lent:

to come home to God's Loving presence in all things!

Every Wednesday evening you are invited to *come home* to **Time with God** from 6:00-8:00.

(We will include a special ritual of ashes on March 2nd, Ash Wednesday!)

Come home to a beautiful worship experience, where sacred space is lovingly created - for you! - to enter and simply be held in the embrace of God's Loving presence!

Come home to connective, supportive relationships as we enjoy a meal together!

Come home to a sharing group, where we listen to one another, where we share as we are led, where we practice coming home to God's Loving presence through Awareness, Understanding, and Sacred Action.

You see, this is the foundation of our Lenten practice, and this is the foundation of coming home to God's Loving presence:

First, we must pay attention! Every little detail matters! By paying attention we become aware of God's Loving presence in all things! And we become aware that this Loving presence is communicating to us through every breath, every thought, every emotion, every interaction, encounter, and circumstance of our lives. Nothing is a coincidence! Messages of Love are being communicated to us through all things, if only we practice *Awareness!*

Second, we listen. We watch for patterns. We open our hearts and minds to learn from what we notice, from the messages we receive. And in so doing, we grow in *Understanding!*

This is where we share what we've been noticing and experiencing with one another, so we can learn from one another, and grow in *Understanding* together!

Finally, we act! Faith without works is dead, after all. As we come home to God's Loving presence in all things,

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from this place of Awareness and Understanding, we engage in Sacred Action - our lived response our practiced, growing Awareness and Understanding of God’s Loving presence in all things!

Awareness. Understanding. Sacred Action.

The pillars of our Lenten practice, and our everyday practice of coming home to God’s Loving presence in all things!

Through committed, disciplined practice, we will be transformed! And as we are transformed, the universe (in which we are part of and interconnected with all that is) will also be transformed!

It’s time. It’s okay. It’s safe now. You can let go of all you’ve been carrying. You can let go of all that’s been keeping you away. You can come home!

Come home.

Come home.

Come home.

God’s Loving presence is *always* waiting for you, ready with the warmest of hugs!

I’ll see you on the way home!

PJ



LENT BEGINS MARCH 2ND

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world. *Reprinted from Sundays and Seasons.*

The forty days are a reminder of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism at the very beginning of his ministry.

TAKE A BOOK, LEAVE A BOOK

If you have a book that you particularly enjoyed but that you don’t care to keep, bring it to CtK! There is a set of bookshelves in the narthex where you can put the book for someone else to read. Likewise, you can take any of the books from the shelf to read.



ORDER FROM AMAZON, HELP CTK!

If you order from Amazon, you can simultaneously help CtK financially. First you must go to smile.amazon.com and select Christ the King Lutheran Church, Twinsburg Ohio as your charity of choice. There are many Christ the King Lutheran Churches to choose from; be sure to select the one in Twinsburg!

Once you have successfully selected CtK Twinsburg, most of your purchases from Amazon **made by shopping via smile.amazon.com** will result in a donation made by Amazon to Christ the King. After you have placed orders through smile.amazon.com and you go directly to amazon.com, you will be asked if you meant to order from smile.amazon.com.

There are many additional charities, large and small, who are part of the Amazon Smile program that you can designate to be rewarded with most of your Amazon purchases.

MARCH Birthdays

Lydia Schiopota	2-Mar
Alexa Tiearney	2-Mar
Kevin Basom	5-Mar
Joe Meyer	5-Mar
Karen Stahlman	6-Mar
Marisa Dobbins	8-Mar
Nicole Sares	8-Mar
Mary Schlosnagle	8-Mar
Denise Tiearney	8-Mar
Joanne Ciarniello	20-Mar
Noah Lue	20-Mar
Elizabeth Novotny	23-Mar
Brent Susnik	24-Mar
Bob Bortak	25-Mar
Makayla Dobbins	31-Mar
Justin Hartland	31-Mar

MARCH Anniversaries

Donna & Frank Orcutt	10-Mar
Mike & Lynn Pereksta	10-Mar
Bob & Tina Coleman	25-Mar



SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH!

Daylight Saving Time begins again at 2 AM Sunday, March 13th. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night or you may miss worship on Sunday.

THANKS TO CTK FAMILY

Dear Ctk Family,
My apologies for a very tardy thank you for your generous Christmas gift! I am fortunate to be able to serve and use my gifts for you in the glory of God! I can't express how much your love, support and energy means to me. Serving and helping to lift up a meaningful and prayerful worship experience for all of us is one of the greatest joys in my life. I'm so grateful to you all!
In Christ,
Kevin Basom



Shining the Light of Jesus...

...Jean Coss by clearing the sidewalks after the February 3rd & 4th snowstorm & clearing paths to the St. Pauly shed & the River Valley recycling bin

...Dusty Basmagy by clearing a trail to the mailbox so the mail carrier would deliver mail to Ctk

...Mike Coss by helping clear snow

...Lynne Bailey by sending greeting cards on behalf of the congregation

...Tina Coleman by keeping the prayer chain working

...Ginger & Tom Pituch by purchasing supplies for Ctk when needed

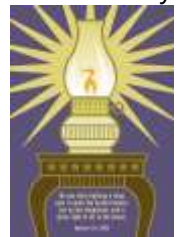
...Rich & Joanne Ciarniello, Bob Coleman, Wendy Gibbons, Tom Pituch by making coffee or cleaning the coffee bar

...Katie Bach, Linda Bendler, Mike Coss, Kristin Wedemeyer Goss, Mike Coss by assisting with Sunday worship

...John Gibbons by "dumpster diving" in the paper recycle bin to remove & dispose of what appeared to be someone's worldly possessions

...Joe Gregorino by sharing cupcakes at Time with God Meal Experience (and again after Sunday worship)

[Please tell Wendy in the office if you witness anyone Shining the Light of Jesus so their light isn't hidden under a bushel.]



March 2022

For up-to-date Ctk information, go to <https://ctktwinsburg.com/about-us/calendar-2/>

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A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to the following for giving me the opportunity to raise money for such wonderful causes:

- Lester Fund - Cooper
- Outreach & Endowment Committees
- Mike Pereksta
- Ameriprise Investment Advisor, Joel Matthews

All of the Walks were matching funds and the others were Endowment Grants.

[Editor's note: See chart at right.]

Thanks, Peace, & Love,
Joanne Ciarniello, Former Outreach Ministry Leader

THE STORY BEHIND THE WALKS

My friend Judy was moving to North Carolina. She knew I would miss her very much. She introduced me to her friend Kathy Soltesz before she left.

They say God works in mysterious ways. Kathy had just been diagnosed with MS and I had just recovered from breast cancer. As a tribute we decided to do the Walks.

The MS Walks were a challenge as they were ten-mile walks. With our supportive husbands Rich and George walking with us, we were able to complete them! The Komen Race for the Cure was much shorter.

Thank you Dave Denes for always donating so generously to all our walks, and thank you Jeanette Cooper for giving me a purpose. I will be forever grateful.
Love, Peace, & Joy,
Joanne Ciarniello

WALKATHON



TWENTY YEARS OF DONATIONS INITIATED BY ONE CTK MEMBER, WITH HELP FROM ENDOWMENT GRANTS

Year	Organization	\$ Given
2002	Twinsburg Relay for Life	\$405
2002	Susan Komen Race for the Cure	\$1,000
2003	Twinsburg Relay for Life	\$2,500
2003	Cancer Walk	\$500
2003	Leukemia/Lymphoma	\$250
2004	American Cancer Association	\$1,000
2004	Susan Komen Race for the Cure	\$500
2005	MS Walkathon	\$500
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2006	MS Walkathon	\$500
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2007	MS Walkathon	\$1,000
2007	Susan Komen Race for the Cure	\$1,000
2008	MS Walkathon	\$2,000
2009	Twinsburg Relay for Life	\$300
2009	Susan Komen Race for the Cure	\$300
2009	MS Walkathon	\$300
2009	Headstart Holiday Workshop	\$350
2009	Headstart Family Service Center	\$1,000
2010	Susan Komen Race for the Cure	\$1,000
2010	Habitat for Humanity	\$1,000
2013	Rape Crisis Center -Tina Project	\$1,000
2013	Haven of Rest Meals (Outreach)	\$2,000
2014	Haven of Rest Clothing/Food	\$2,000
2016	Haven of Rest	\$2,000
2018	Haven of Rest Remodeling	\$4,000
2018	Haven of Rest	\$3,000
2019	Haven of Rest Remodeling	\$4,000
2020	Haven of Rest	\$4,000
2020	YWCA NIA Program	\$2,000
2020	Haven of Rest Lighting	\$6,000
2021	Haven of Rest	\$6,000
2021	Haven of Rest Harvest Home	\$6,000
	Total of donations & matching grants	\$59,405



REQUEST FUNDS, DONATIONS VIA ENDOWMENT GRANTS

See page 2 for information about requesting Endowment funds for Spring 2022. Requests are due in the Endowment mailbox by Sunday March 27th.

CtK Transition Update

On Friday, Feb 18, CtK Council spent the afternoon together in a visioning and planning session for the upcoming year. Here's what developed...

We started with a question: Why do you/we come to church, to CtK?? What's the purpose??

Responses included:

- Connecting with God
- Connecting with one another
- Connecting with community
- Serving the common good

(The importance of tradition was also expressed, and we talked about the challenge of balancing this rich and beautiful tradition with openness to new ways of seeing and being and doing.)

As we talked about all the changes we're experiencing in our lives, and the loss and grief that comes with all change, we turned to the Cross - the symbol of who we are, how we're connected with all things, our mortal physical nature, and our eternal soul nature.



The Cross reminds us of our connection to the earth, plant and animal realms - always holding us, always supporting and providing for us, always inviting us to come home and live in harmony and oneness once again with the natural world!

The Cross reminds us of our connection to the heavens - the stars, moon, sun, wind, and entire cosmos, from which we also are created!

As we open our hearts and extend our arms out, the Cross reminds us of our connection to one another, and to the community and physical world around us!

The secret to Life is found in the symbol of the Cross!

Non-attachment to any one of the four directions, balance and openness, flexibility and adaptability with change, are essential for experiencing the Oneness of Heaven on Earth right here, right now!

And where do the four directions of the Cross intersect?? The Heart!!

From here, we can see that the Cross reminds us that Life is all about Relationships!

As all of this unfolded, it came together in a one word vision: CARE.

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CARE for Self!!

Not at the expense of others, but so that we can best...

CARE for one another!

CARE for the earth and world around us!

And how do we CARE for ourselves??

By connecting with God in all things - in and through our bodies, the natural world, and one another! *(See newsletter piece 'U R invited 2 Come HOME' for more on this!)*

This is the lens through which CtK Council is committed to work and serve and Care, and make decisions, in the coming year!

How can we best Care for ourselves??

How can we best Care for one another??

How can we best Care for the earth and world around us??

With this foundation and framework in place, we moved to discerning the next concrete steps for CtK to take in this transition process, with the overarching goal of simplifying and streamlining things, while always keeping Care for ourselves, Care for one another, and Care for the earth and world around us at the forefront!

The following 9 areas of focus emerged:

Congregational Systems Team

A team of Family Systems trained pastors in the synod will spend time in conversation with you! Mostly listening and asking questions. They will make observations from a systems perspective, and offer their objective recommendations for ways CtK can better function as a Loving, vibrant faith community, Caring for ourselves, one another, and the earth and world around us!

Endowment

A process is being established to gather input from each of you, as well as financial professionals. From there, a draft proposal will be developed and presented to the congregation, at which time questions and suggestions can be made. Any necessary revisions will be made, and a month later the final draft will be presented to the congregation for a vote to approve.

Pathways to Vitality

This means working with the synod to explore potential partnerships and shared ministry relationships with other congregations in the area.

On Sunday, March 13, Rev. Julianne Smith, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Vitality, will be our guest! She will share a message during worship with us, and after there will be a simple, informal reception where she will be available for conversation and to answer any questions you may have!

Envisioning a positive future / HOPE

Sometimes it's hard to see a path forward. Sometimes it's hard to imagine something we don't yet know. And sometimes it's easy to feel hopeless, unsure of what we can possibly do to help create a more positive future for all of us! So, we are committed to focusing on developing and practicing such things in the coming year!

Tech review

CtK has a lot of great technology, and a great technology ministry called ITSC (IT Serving Christ)! And, CtK has some outdated technology as well. Working with ITSC, the goal is to determine exactly what technology assets CtK currently has, as well as the current and likely future technology needs, and develop a vision and plan to meet those needs!

Messaging

Communication, communication, communication! How can we best communicate, within CtK and to the community, information and encouragement that supports us in Caring well for ourselves, one another, and the earth and world around us??

Simplify Space

Much of the space inside the church building has been used little in the past two years, and even before that 'stuff' has accumulated, as it does. Simplifying space means going through every part of the building - cleaning, organizing, cleansing, simplifying, making more functional and more welcoming!

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Property Vision/Plan

CtK is blessed with a beautiful property space. How can this space be best used to CARE for ourselves, one another, and the earth and world around us? The goal will be to determine the current and likely future property needs, and develop a vision and plan to meet those needs!

Developing Relationships

Relationships, relationships, relationships! It's all about relationships! How can we be intentionally and consciously developing and deepening relationships in all four directions (*think Cross symbol above!*)? This is really what Christian Ed. was about. This includes that, and so much more!

All of these areas of focus will be engaged through the lens of CARE - for ourselves, one another, and the earth and world around us!

IN WHAT AREA(S) IS YOUR HEART ASKING YOU TO ENGAGE AND OFFER YOUR GIFTS?!

See a Council person or Pastor with questions, suggestions, and willingness to help!

Whew! That is a lot! There is a lot of really great, positive, healing, creative movement, activity, and momentum at CtK!

The future we live in will be the future we create! Together, we CAN create a future full of Care and Love and Joy, for all sentient beings!

What are we waiting for?? If not now, when?? Let's jump in and get to work together!!

With much Love, appreciation, and great Hope! - PJ

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**MINUTES FOR CTK COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2022**

CtK council meeting held January 10th 2022@ 6:00 p.m.

Those in attendance Mike Coss, Katie Bach, Bob Coleman, Kerry Dominick and Dusty Basmagy. Glenn Fasnacht attended via zoom. Pastor Jeff was tending to other pastoral duties and was not present when the meeting began.

Dusty Basmagy was asked to be secretary and accepted the position.

A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kerry to approve the minutes from December's meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

After reviewing the contract with Paychex, a motion was made by Glenn and seconded by Kerry to approve the contract for \$101.65 per month to handle the payroll for Christ the King. The motion carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion over the Budget Ease proposal was next. It was agreed that Budget Ease will help Christ the King set up QuickBooks. Kerry made a motion to contract with Budget Ease and it was seconded by Glenn. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike mentioned that Christ the King has approximately \$80,000 in a Huntington Bank account. The congregation will be made aware of this at an upcoming financial overview.

A planning meeting for council Members was scheduled for Friday February 18th 2022 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The annual Christ the King meeting scheduled on January 23rd 2022 at 11:15 a.m. was discussed. It was agreed to bring the congregation up to date on what the council has done recently before we form a call committee. It was also agreed that the following items would be presented to the congregation for a vote: 1. The annual budget report and 2. The revised continuation and improvement plan which also includes rewriting the bylaws.

At this point, Pastor Jeff arrived and delivered a short sermonette on the two paths of church survival.

The next Christ the King council meeting was scheduled for Monday February 7th 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Jeff said he would install the new Christ the King council members on Sunday January 23rd 2022.

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Katie asked, how many people should we have in order to assist at Haven of Rest Ministries. Council thought anyone who volunteered would be appreciated.

It was noted that Mike Coss and Katie Bach were now signers for the Christ the King endowment fund.

Mike asked Dusty if he would lead the opening devotion at the February 7th 2022 council meeting and then closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:30.

*Respectfully submitted Dusty Basmagy*

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## **REVISED MINUTES FOR CHRIST THE KING ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 23RD 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by council president Mike Coss.

Pastor Jeff led the group in opening prayer.

Attendance was taken. 23 members were present in the church sanctuary. Three more members were present in the narthex or in their cars listening to the FM broadcast. This was determined to be enough for a quorum.

The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously.

As part of this annual meeting members who served in elected and appointed positions at Christ the King in 2021 were recognized for their service, with special thanks and recognition given to Treasurer Mike Perekstra and Financial Secretary Sandy Molnar.

When asked why the treasurer and financial secretary positions were being eliminated, it was explained that the financial review from 2021 recommended that Christ the King have its finances handled by an outside accounting firm because of the size of our budget and the estimated two and a half million dollars in the various endowment funds. It was also recommended that Christ the King use a more recognized and generally accepted bookkeeping system such as QuickBooks online. Council was referred to budget ease for these services. At the present time council has engaged with Budget Ease to help set up QuickBooks online and help in the transfer of data. On going services with Budget Ease are yet to be determined.

The next agenda item was a review and discussion of the 2021 Christ the King annual report there was no discussion. A motion was made to accept the report as given by Glenn Fasnacht and was seconded by Rob Doty. The motion carried unanimously.

The five members of the 2022 Christ the King council who were present at the meeting were installed. This included Kerry Dominick, Katie Bach, Mike Coss, Dusty Basmagy and Glenn Fasnacht. Bob Coleman was installed in abstentia.

Next, the Revised Continuation and Improvement plan for 2022 was presented. It was noted that Christ the King came through 2021 in good shape and that Christ the King has \$60,000 in a Huntington Bank account. It was stated that traditionally Christ the King does not spend the total amount it has budgeted. John Gibbons asked about money for computers. His question was answered to his satisfaction. Several members expressed concerns that the endowment funds should not be spent on certain projects and improvements. A long discussion followed about the endowment fund. Included in the discussion were, 1. How to spend the endowment. 2. Technicalities of the endowment. 3. The intentions of Ms Cooper's will. 4. How do the bylaws of the church govern the endowment. It was noted that Christ The King's bylaws are available at the church website. Pastor Jeff stated how to best move forward with suggestions from the synod. A motion was made by Joe Meyer to accept the Continuation and Improvement plan for 2022 contingent on reevaluating the bylaws so Christ the King can correctly spend the endowment. It was seconded by Glenn Fasnacht. The motion passed with 23 yay votes and three nay votes.

After hymn 720, "We Are Called" was sung, Mike Procop made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Joe Meyer. The motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted, Dusty Basmagy*



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**2022 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

This year's CtK Council includes President Mike Coss, Vice President Katie Bach, Secretary Dusty Basmagy, and Members-at-Large Bob Coleman, Kerry Dominick, & Glenn Fasnacht. Each year the CtK Council members are assigned CtK members & friends to keep in touch with. Council members and their families are all assigned to the Council President (Mike Coss this year).

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| <b>Dusty Basmagy</b> |             |
| Leatrice             | Alexander   |
| Lynne                | Bailey      |
| Ann                  | Balcerzak   |
| Kevin                | Basom       |
| Amy                  | Bates       |
| Bryan & Kristin      | Bedford     |
| Linda                | Bendler     |
| Carrie               | Beveridge   |
| Jake & Dana          | Biltz       |
| Bob & Chanon         | Bortak      |
| Marge                | Bowman      |
| Sue                  | Brunst      |
| Diane                | Cerny       |
| Juanita              | Chisholm    |
| Rich & Joanne        | Ciarniello  |
| Lynn                 | Cicchirillo |
|                      |             |
| <b>Bob Coleman</b>   |             |
| Lynn & Larry         | Jaskiel     |
| Wendy                | Jones       |
| Ray & Rae            | Kendrick    |
| Kalah                | Koepsel     |
| Dan & Donna          | Lange       |
| Scottie              | Leverenz    |
| Jennifer & Michael   | Lue         |
| Crystal & Dale       | McGaffic    |
| Cindy & Joe          | Meyer       |
| Laurel & James       | Michalek    |
| Linda                | Mondry      |
| Sally                | Morris      |
| Cathy                | Novotney    |
| Elizabeth            | Novotny     |
| Mike & Lynn          | Pereksta    |
| Tom & Ginger         | Pituch      |
| Charles              | Poulton     |

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| <b>Glenn Fasnacht</b> |                        |
| Jody & Brian          | Clare-Harnak           |
| Doug & Laura          | Corbin                 |
| David & Siobhan       | Dobbins                |
| Rob & Lisa            | Doty                   |
| Chris                 | Driver                 |
| Wendy & John          | Gibbons                |
| Chuck                 | Goodnight              |
| Luella                | Goodnight              |
| Kristin & Geoff       | Goss                   |
| Joe                   | Gregorino              |
| Denise                | Hall                   |
| Lori                  | Harrison               |
| Jay & Kate            | Hartland               |
| Priscilla             | Hegedus                |
| John                  | Humrichouser           |
| Cara                  | Jablonski              |
| Patti                 | Jabre                  |
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| <b>Katie Bach</b>     |                        |
| Diane & Mike          | Procop                 |
| Clayton & Terri       | Ream                   |
| Irene                 | Ream                   |
| Karen & Bill          | Reid                   |
| Zar & Stacy           | Reyes                  |
| Kelly & Adam          | Ripley                 |
| Mary Ellen & Paul     | Robinette/<br>Bucholtz |
| Lynn and Dean         | Sares                  |
| Karen                 | Scarpelli              |
| David & Janet         | Schiopota              |
| Mary                  | Schlosnagle            |
| Emily & Sean          | Shore                  |
| Sue                   | Simmons                |
| Lauren & Jeff         | Smearcheck             |
| Dale                  | Spaeth                 |
| Catrina               | Spagnola               |
| Chris & Marty         | Spitz                  |
| Tim & Karen           | Stahlman               |
| Charlie & Heather     | Stayanchi              |
| Crystal               | Stokes                 |

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| <b>Kerry Dominick</b> |            |
| Sharon                | Straka     |
| Alyssa                | Sullivan   |
| Jim & Louise          | Susnik     |
| Stacy                 | Sykora     |
| Betsy & Corey         | Thompson   |
| Alexa                 | Tearney    |
| Denise                | Tearney    |
| Greg & Jan            | Tulley     |
| D.                    | Urban      |
| Daryl                 | Van Bogart |
| James & Lisa          | Wells      |
| Dottie & Chuck        | Wheater    |
| Debbie                | Wilhelms   |
| Rich & Pat            | Wilhelms   |
| Amy                   | Williams   |
| Wiley & Pam           | Wolfe      |
| Jane                  | Zaremba    |
|                       |            |
| <b>Mike Coss</b>      |            |
| Katie                 | Bach       |
| Dusty & Barb          | Basmagy    |
| Bob & Tina            | Coleman    |
| Jean and Mike         | Coss       |
| Kerry                 | Dominick   |
| Glenn & Nancy         | Fasnacht   |



# MARCH MESSENGER 2022

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## 6:00 - 8:00 WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

6:00 - **Worship Experience** in sanctuary; also livestreamed on CtK Twinsburg channel of YouTube. *A time to rest in God's Loving presence, in a safe, supportive, peaceful, Loving, and Sacred Space!*

6:30 - **Meal Experience** in Fellowship Hall *A time to break bread together! Bring your own dinner, and enjoy company & conversation with one another!*

7:00-8:00 - **EH Group Experience** in Room 105 *A time of learning together and from one another! Get your brightly colored group card from the table in the narthex, and come and share your wisdom and your experience of the holy! Or simply come and be present and listen!*

## Ash Wednesday - March 2nd



**6:00 PM Time with God Worship Experience includes Imposition of Ashes**

### Christ the King welcomes you to our worship, fellowship, and service!

Sunday Indoor Worship w/Communion ..... 10:00 AM

Sunday Livestream Worship on YouTube ..... 10:00 AM

**Time with God** Worship Experience..... Wed. 6:00 PM

**Time with God** Livestream on YouTube.... Wed. 6:00 PM

**Time with God** Meal Experience..... Wed. 6:30 PM

**Time with God** EH Group Experience.. Wed. 7:00 PM

Worship with us from elsewhere via the CtK Twinsburg channel of YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0DyPtpgvHWrYdrFgWQso5A>

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